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The purposes of the Program are to:

- (1) Connect college and university students, recent graduates, and veterans with small innovative businesses in the high–growth technology sector through internships;
- (2) Encourage high—achieving students at institutions of higher education in the State to remain in the State after graduation;
- (3) Increase student understanding of employment opportunities in the State:
- (4) Create connections between students and community business leaders and entrepreneurs and develop opportunities for student involvement in communities:
- (5) Assist small technology-based businesses in developing internship programs and recruiting future employees; and
- (6) Foster business retention and development, job creation, workforce development, and new investment in the State.

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